

Arizona Legislative Update

by Mark R. Kerr

PHOENIX (ON) — Just another week for the Arizona State Legislature:

ADAP FUNDING

As first reported, Governor Hull would allocate the needed funding to get the state's beleaguered ADAP program through the end of this fiscal year, (March 31). The question then was, "Will there be another check in the mail for fiscal year 1998-99?"

The Governor's proposal, (initially \$1.632 million) was approved by the Joint Legislative Budget Sub-committee on Monday, February 2. In fact, the committee voted to allocate \$1.7 million for Arizona ADAP.

Francie Noyes, Governor Hull's press secretary said the governor was pleased that her recommendations were approved, with even more funding. Noyes added that one of Governor Hull's top priorities for her administration is ADAP.

The committee approved the proposal with some stipulations:

Funding for ADAP will come from a "one time allocation" from the state's Tobacco Tax Health Care Fund; the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) will continue to file monthly reports on the costs, number of clients and; no administrative costs will be taken out of the funding — the moneys will go for medications, such as protease inhibitors.

"It is a foot in the door...this does demonstrate a concern and empathy from the State Legislature," commented Chris Brown of ADHS.

The Sub-committee's is just the first step in the budgetary process. According to Brown, "it is a major step." He added that the recommendations are taken very seriously by the leadership in both houses and their fellow legislators.

This is very exciting news. It shows what the community can do when we all pull together," David Hoover, Board President of the Arizona AIDS Policy Alliance (AZAPA) commented.

EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION

With the deadline for new bills in the State Senate looming (February 9); a bill, SB 1346, to bar discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation was filed Monday, February 2.

State Senator Elaine Richardson, D-Tucson, is one of the primary sponsors of SB 1346. Seven legislators are primary sponsors of the bill; thirty-five in all have

signed on to the proposal. The measure is supported on both sides of the aisle — seven Republicans have signed on as well.

Of the thirty-five, fifteen are from Southern Arizona:

Senators: Victor Soltero, D-District 10; Elaine Richardson, D-District 11; Ann Day, R-District 12; George Cunningham, D-District 13; Ruth Solomon, D-District 14.

Representatives: Ramon Valadez, D-District 10; Sally Ann Gonzales, D-District 10; Carmine Cardamone, D-District 11; Deborah Norris, D-District 11; Freddy Hershberger, R-District 12; Dr. Andy Nichols, D-District 13; Brian Fagin, D-District 13; Herschella Horton, D-District 14 and; Marion Pickens, D-District 14.

SB 1346 is patterned on the current proposed federal Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA). Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and heterosexuals would be protected in employment if the legislation is approved.

When reached for comment, Sen. Richardson said she planned to lobby and "hit hard" for SB 1346. "If homophobes got a problem with it, I have a problem with them," Richardson added.

As of press time, the bill had not received a second reading and has not been assigned to committee for consideration.

HIV/AIDS RIGHTS

SB 1037, sponsored by Sen. Tom Patterson, R-Phoenix, would make the Department of Health Services release confidential medical information to "good Samaritans" who fear they were exposed to a communicable disease at an accident scene, passed the Senate Rules Committee on Monday, February 2 and has gone to the Senate Committee of the Whole.

SB 1037 had originally listed HIV as the communicable disease. The bill was amended to include Hepatitis B and C as communicable diseases.

David Landreth, vice president for policy at the Arizona Medical Association (AZMA) supports the bill. In a previous interview, he said, "It's only fair if somebody pulls you out of a car wreck and they get your blood all over them, they should be protected for their good act."

"It is not fair. It is not a good proposal," according to Anne Maley, executive director of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF). "It is something that could hurt someone. The bill is very dangerous."

Landreth and AZMA had led the charge in the early 90's to restrict the

Judge Rules For McVeigh; Navy Officer 'Dry-Docked'

HONOLULU, HI (NP) — The judge says "don't discharge" in the case of the AOL-outed sailor, but can't keep him from being the Navy's trashman...or guarantee his safety.

U.S. District Judge Stanley Sporkin made permanent the temporary injunction he issued Preventing the Navy from discharging Senior Chief Petty Officer Timothy McVeigh, whose career was about to be abruptly ended based on the "Gay" content of the profile associated with one of his America Online screen names.

The earlier, strongly-worded injunction, which had asserted that the Navy should never have begun its investigation of McVeigh and had violated the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, had barred the Navy from ousting McVeigh only until his lawsuit was resolved.

"This is a huge victory for McVeigh," said attorney C. Dixon Osborn of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, the leading legal advocacy group assisting Gay and Lesbian servicemembers, which has been working with McVeigh throughout his case although not representing him in his federal privacy lawsuit.

"What Judge Sporkin's ruling means is that after reviewing the merits of the case, he has determined that the Navy violated the Electronic Communications Privacy Act as well as the limits on investigations under 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue.' This is the first time that a federal court judge has said that the Navy has failed to follow its own rules and regulations under 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue.'" Osborn thinks that the ruling will serve to warn the military that it "cannot go snooping for evidence that troops are Gay."

While reserving the right to appeal, the Navy accepted the ruling, apparently ending the effort to oust McVeigh unless new evidence should arise; government attorneys refused to comment after the hearing.

Before the Navy began its investigation of McVeigh in September, the decorated 17-year veteran was Chief of the Boat — the top-ranking enlisted man — on a fast-attack nuclear submarine. While the investigation and discharge were in process, he was moved to his squadron's base at Pearl Harbor, taking a \$745/month pay cut and doing construction work, such as drywall.

McVeigh's attorney Christopher Wolf charged in court that since the case has been in court, he's been given demeaning assignments, saying that, "Upon his return to duty in Hawaii, he was given two assignments, one of which was to supervise two individuals carting trash out of a room."

Wolf further charged that Navy personnel have been openly hostile to McVeigh and requested a court order to require the Navy either to provide for his safety or to arrange for his early retirement. Wolf told the court, "He is legitimately concerned about his safety. We are very concerned that a situation like that in 'A Few Good Men' [a film in which a Marine is killed by his coworkers because of his private life] does not develop."

Sporkin declined to issue the order, saying, "I think you're putting me in the position of running the Navy, and I can't do that."

MCVEIGH DRYDOCKED

Although Senior Chief Petty Officer Timothy R. McVeigh has won his legal battle and returned to his rank and position in the U.S. Navy, he is not being allowed to resume his former command responsibilities.

"I was removed from my job in charge of a nuclear sub. I had 134 people under my command," said McVeigh, 36. "From there I was assigned to building office spaces... then they gave me a clerk position."

"I want to continue my career," he told reporters.

EARLY RETIREMENT?

Defense Department officials are quoted as saying that while the Navy may appeal, that course of action may not be necessary under a settlement proposed by McVeigh's lawyers.

The Navy's consideration of a settlement is not predicated on allowing McVeigh to continue to serve, but in reaching an arrangement whereby the officer would slip quietly from public view.

The officials said the Navy may accept an offer from McVeigh's counsel which would allow the highly decorated officer to retire with full benefits in order to quickly put the damaging case behind it.

FUTURE LITIGATION

McVeigh is continuing his lawsuit against Defense Secretary William Cohen and Navy Secretary John Dalton. The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages.

"I wonder how many people have been wrongfully kicked out of the Navy and not thought about fighting back because they felt too overwhelmed. They thought I would quietly go home. I'm not going," said McVeigh.

UPDATE

AGRA-Phoenix Names Board Of Directors

PHOENIX -- AGRA-Phoenix has elected and announced their 1998 Board of Directors at their annual Rodeo Wrap-Up Party.

The 1998 Board of Directors will be chaired by Chuck Browning as President, Brian Helander as Vice President, Ron Trusley as Recording Secretary, Ed Powers as Public Relations Director, Bob Oxford as Fund Raising Director, Ken Poplin as Dance and Entertainment Director, Jodi Hines as Rodeo Events Director and Bob Pimentel as State Board Liaison.

Commemorative buckles were also presented by 1997 President Bill Travis to members of the 1997 board: Travis, Vice-President Chuck Browning, Recording Secretary Ron Trusley, Corresponding Secretary Tim Dougherty, Public Relations Director Ed Powers, Rodeo Events Director Jodi Hines, Dance and Entertainment Director Ken Poplin, Fund Raising Director Bob Oxford and State Board Liaison Bob Pimentel.

A complete report on the 1998 Road Runner Regional Rodeo including organizations that will receive cash disbursements from the rodeo profits will be after the next General Membership meeting in the AGRA Office, 727 West Camelback Road, Phoenix, Sunday, February 8.

Position Opening At TIHAN

TUCSON -- The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) seeks a program assistant to coordinate HIV/AIDS awareness and education programs.

Preferred background in program administration and curriculum planning, with substantial knowledge of HIV and accompanying issues.

The position is 20 hours/week, \$8 an hour. Submit resume and list of three references to TIHAN, 4625 East River Road, Tucson, Arizona 85718.

Wingspan Artists For February

TUCSON -- Miki King and Leslie Vinson are the Wingspan Artist's for the month of February.

King is a formally trained artist who graduated from Santa Fe State University in California. Miki works in multimedia and features Woman's art. She has exhibited her art at: Woman's Craft, Wingspan and Barksdale Galleries.

This is a return for King to the Wingspan Gallery with her latest efforts.

Leslie Vinson is a self taught artist who works in pencil and pen. Ms. Vinson calls her work, "Women's Craft Galleries."

Wingspan is pleased to have these talented back for the February showing.

There will be a reception for the artists on Saturday, February 7, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. The public is cordially invited. Light refreshments will be served. Wingspan Gallery is located at 300 East Sixth Street.

For more information about the gallery, or showing your work, call Wingspan, 624-1779.

Softball Season Begins February 22

TUCSON -- Let's play ball! The new season for TGSA starts February 22.

Get your teams together. If you need to find a team or have any questions, contact Mary, TGSA Commissioner, 770-9979.



IN MEMORIAM



KEVIN HALL
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Kevin Hall, 38, died Tuesday, January 27, 1998 following a valiant battle against a devastating illness.

Known throughout the Southwest as Kevin the Braider, he was a recognized expert in his field, and enhanced the beauty of hundreds of the hunter jumper horses he loved. He was a superb and talented animal trainer who gained the respect of many for his abilities.

Born in Portsmouth, Virginia on April 6, 1959, he spent his childhood in California and Florida. In his early years, he was a champion swimmer, competing throughout Northern California, Arizona and New Mexico. His highly developed sense of humor endeared him to all.

Kevin is survived by his father, Arthur Lee Hall, Sr., Yoshiko Hall; aunt Bonnie Glenn Carrol; sisters, Michèle Hall, Cheryl Harris; and brothers, Art Hall, Gary Hall and Greg Hall; nieces, Alison Hinson, Rebecca, Miriam and Alissa Harris and Laura and Cara Hall, and nephews, Travis Hinson, Josh Harris, and Nicholas and Jesse Hall.

He is also survived by numerous friends who were extremely devoted to him and showed their love for him in many, many ways.

In lieu of flowers, his family requests that donations in Kevin's memory be sent to TIHAN, 299-6647 or SAAF, 322-6226.

A memorial service will be conducted February 7, 10:00 A.M. in St. Mary's Chapel, 1601 West St. Mary's Road, Tucson, Arizona.

Valentine's Dance

TUCSON -- Have a festive time at the St. Francis Valentine's Dance to be held Saturday, February 14, 7:00 - 11:00 P.M. at St. Francis in the Foothills, 4625 East River Road.

The cost of the dance will be a five-dollar donation. Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for a nominal fee. St. Francis would like to have an eclectic mix of people of all ages to attend this fun-filled event.

The purpose of the dance is to bring together all people in reconciling regardless of sexual orientation, ethnicity, age, gender, etc.

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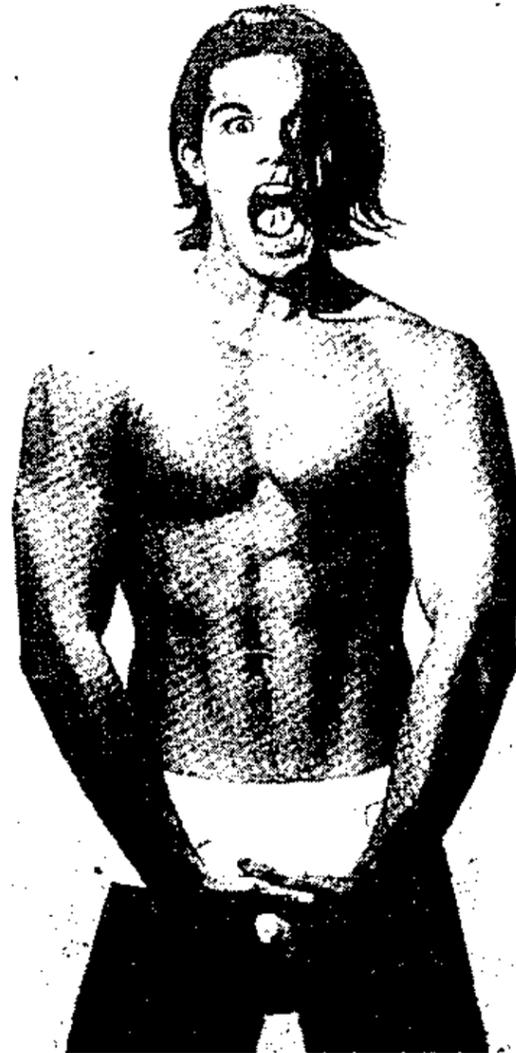
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by Scott Weldamoyer

Well, another month down and we are now less than two months away from welcoming the world to Tucson for the 1998 Saguaro Regional Rodeo! We have begun our traditional Sunday Rodeo brunch meetings and it looks like we are right on track for all tasks. Thanks Terry for the great brunch and the smuggled English Muffins! Next meeting is champagne and caviar!

As stated, we are fast approaching the straight-away (no pun intended) to rodeo so all committees are in force! I know that our Volunteer Coordinator will be (wo)manning the telephone to solicit volunteers for the rodeo. AGRA-Tucson will be looking for people to: hand out programs; runners for the judges; light security; ticket takers at the dances; workers at the AGRA Table and; people to run spotlight at the dances for the entertainers. If interested in any of these positions, please call the AGRA office and leave a number where you can be reached.

Diane R., is now in the prowl for entertainers for this year's Saguaro Regional Rodeo! If you can sing, lip-sync or

entertain and you would like to perform for all of our guests at the rodeo, please call the AGRA office and leave your number or ask for an Entertainers package. Advertising applications are now available for the 1998 Saguaro Regional Rodeo. Please contact the AGRA office, 323-0805 or contact me on my pager, 516-9003 for more information.

Upcoming calendar of events:

Mark your calendars for February 14, at Old Tucson Studios - Stage 2. The annual Rodeo Romance Dinner and Dance will be held at Old Tucson. AGRA-Tucson will be serving an Italian Buffet dinner, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. and have dancing from 9:00 - 12:00 Midnight. Bring a date or just come stag. Tickets are being sold in advance for \$10/person for the dance only for \$17/person for dinner and dance admission.

The February Board meeting will be held at the Neon Moon, Sunday, February 15, 3:00 P.M. Board and 5:00 P.M. for the General Membership.

AGRA-Tucson is now accepting nominations for the 1998-99 Board of Directors, anyone interested in running needs to be present at the meetings to accept nomination.

On February 28, AGRA-Tucson will be holding our annual Hoe Down at the Stonewall/Eagle. AGRA-Tucson will also be sashing our 1998 Saguaro Regional Rodeo Grand Marshals, Jim and Elaine Cooper. Please plan on joining us for the event.

Attention artists, AGRA-Tucson is looking for a few good (donated) designs to be used as a logo for Tucson's bid to host Convention 2000. We are hard at work getting details and other information to present on the Convention floor in July at this year's IGRA convention in Baltimore. Any submissions can be sent to the AGRA office.

Stay tuned for more information!

Until then, remember to keep your pride and always play safe in the saddle.

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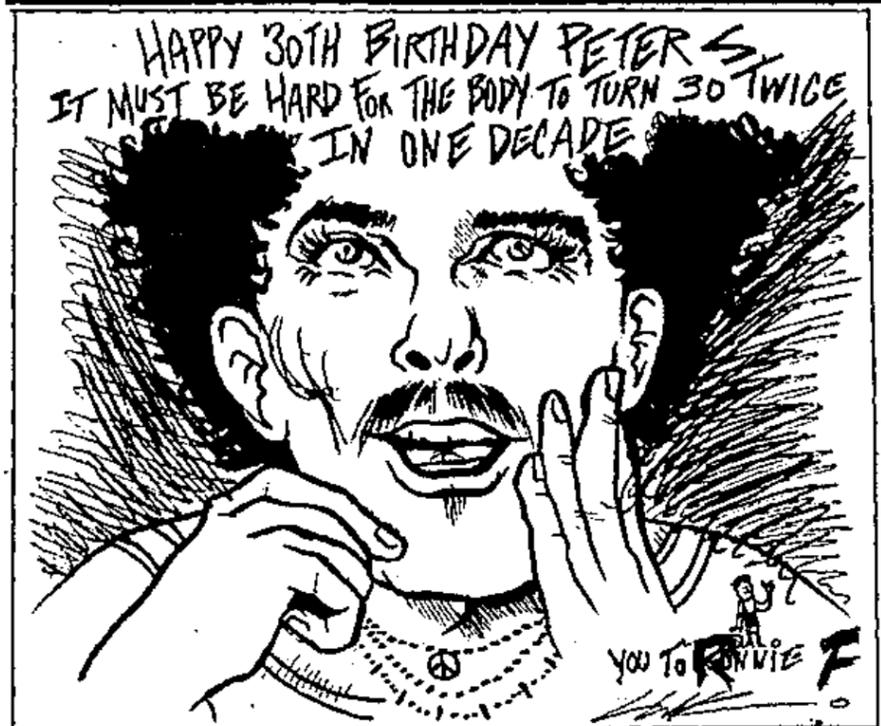
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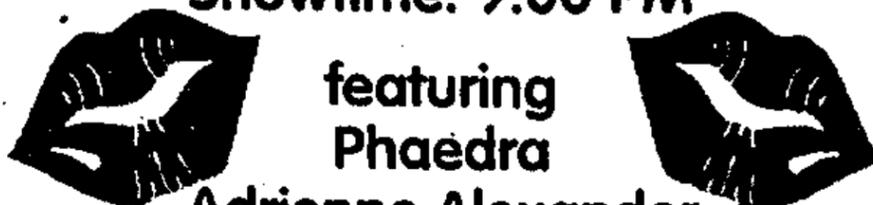
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Now after 30 years of research, the physicians at UCLA have discovered and tested the elusive enzyme and Woody has qualified to be among the first human to test it. But at a price, of course.

Woody and Beth will have to go to Los Angeles and stay there for a minimum of six weeks while Woody receives

a weekly treatment with the infusion of the enzyme.

To help offset the expensive trip several benefits have been planned.

AGRA along with the Stonewall/Eagle will be sponsoring a raffle of a television. Tickets are available at the Stonewall and AGRA will be setting up a table at their Valentine's Dance at Old Tucson on February 14th. Check out the AGRA ad this issue of Observer for the full details of the dinner/dance event.

The Stonewall/Eagle with help from Chuck Brady will be hosting a roasters reunion party on Sunday, March 8th. The buffet will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the show at 7:00 p.m. Gilda Fatale will be hostess. Auction items will include a 'Clark' original, an original 'Men Of Moose', and a Rockwell print. Tickets will be \$10.

IBT's and the Graduate will be sponsoring Ms. Aviva Diamond in an Easter Bonnet Extravaganza. Watch the Observer for upcoming details. Will the 'Choir' be there???

And... one more 'Roast' to come in August.

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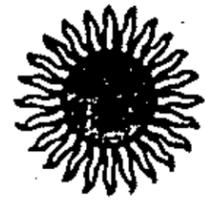


Few Chicago Employees Sign Up For Benefits

CHICAGO, IL (WS) - Despite the fireworks surrounding Chicago's decision ten months ago to extend benefits to the same-sex partners of city employees, only 23 of the city's nearly 40,000 workers have signed up.

The limited response has raised questions about whether the battle for the benefits was worth it, but Chicago activist Rick Garcia said, "It is not about numbers. It is about everyone being treated fairly and equitably."

City officials believe one of the biggest reasons for the modest participation lies in the federal tax code. Because the benefit does not accrue to family members, its value is regarded by the federal government as income, resulting in a tax liability.



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POLITICS
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"Why Do I Always Choose 'The Big One!'"

With the Lewinsky winds blowing in D.C., Congress went back into session. One of the first items for the House of Representatives was our favorite homophobic, "B-1" Bob Dornan, R-Still Out, the former congressman.

Dornan, a candidate for his old seat, still continues to bitch about being defrauded out of the election continued his crusade over the holidays. "B-1" had some setbacks in John Wayne Land for his "Quixotic Crusade:"

The Orange County Grand Jury looking into the allegations of voter fraud by a Latino Rights group declined to press charges. Oops!

California Secretary of State, Bill Jones, R, who had earlier said close to 2,400 people who voted in the election were not eligible, declared in December that he could not verify this. Ouch!

Will this be the end of "B-1?" Of course not!

The long-running investigation, backed by Newt and his Salamander majority, continues. The investigation is going into its thirteenth month, costing taxpayers close to one million dollars to vainly look for the illegal aliens and rich queers who threw the election for his opponent, Rep. Loretta Sanchez, D-Santa Ana.

In this episode, the Democrats, led by Minority Leader, Rep. Richard Gephardt of Missouri tried to kill off the investigation, thus silencing "B-1." Will it happen?

Nope? Despite being banned from the House floor in the fall of last year, Dornan still continues his "Svengali-like" hold over the Salamanders. Gephardt's motion to kill the investigation was defeated by a vote of 189-214. Only one Republican voted to kill the investigation, the longest in Congressional History of contested elections? Was it Arizona's Gay congressman, Jim Kolbe? Has he before? If you said no, pass go and collect \$200!

House Majority Leader, Rep. Dick Armey, R-Texas, said in a press briefing that this issue would be resolved this week. Will it? . . .

From "Serving in Silence," to "Serving in the House." Retired Army Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer, who was the highest ranking military officer to be discharged for homosexuality before she finally prevailed in her legal appeal and who is running for the U.S. Congress from Washington's Second Congressional District, will face primary opposition.

Cammermeyer will face Fran Einterz for the Democratic nomination to challenge the Republican incumbent, Jack Metcalf for the seat. . .

"You're my bitch!" and "C'mon, you have no choice!" are two phrases former Arizona governor and now, convicted and sentenced felon, J. Fife Whitewash III, R-Jailbird may hear come March 20.

Whitewash was sentenced to thirty-months in prison, five years probation and fined \$60,000 for his conviction in September 1997 on federal bank fraud charges.

The former governor and soon-to-be-jailbird could have gotten as much as ten years. A pre-sentencing report said the Fiferster should get a six-to-eight year sentence. So what happened?

According to U.S. District Judge Roger Strand, who said during sentencing that "prosecutors seriously overstated how much Symington's crimes contributed to lenders' losses. Over \$23 million is overstated? Can we say, rich white-man's justice!

Despite his multi-count conviction and his upcoming thirty-month stint in the slammer, Whitewash told the assembled press outside the federal courthouse in the "Evil City of the North," that he will be vindicated. Or was it violated? . . .

Another week for the Grand Inquisition, err Arizona Legislature:

The governor's proposal for \$1.632 million state's AIDS Drugs Assistance Program (ADAP) made it over the first budgetary hurdle when the Joint Legislative Budget Sub-Committee approved the funding, actually increasing the

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LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

Dear Friends,

My son, Woody was diagnosed with MPS I, four and a half years ago. I was told there was no treatment, no cure and his life expectancy was 14 to 18 years old.

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Even if it was happenstance, the use of ABBA's classic "Dancing Queen" as the signature open for Stonewall's newest show — The Dream Girls Revue — set the tenor for a high-energy debut Sunday night.

You always should leave an audience wishing there'd been more. That's the way I felt when the trip of performers sat on stage for a curtain call after a taut 10 number, 60 minute cabaret. The regular cast will be Mr. Kenneth Blake and Felice Renard — Miss Gay Tucson Arizona, 1997 & 1996 respectively — with a guest artist. They were joined at the premiere by Regina Reed, 1998 contestant for the same crown. This will be an every-other-week show at Stonewall, so if you missed the first, mark 9:30 P.M., February 15, in your datebook.

"Mama Mia, here I go again!" It was the incessant rhythm for the opening act, a duet with the pair of titlists clad in short, cocktail length dresses in variants of blue — the blonde Mr. Kenneth Blake in a satin sheen with four spaghetti straps per shoulder; the brunette Felice in glitter that reflected the spotlight.

The concept of a minimal cast is good for it allows more time for each performer to showcase their talent as opposed to a "cattle call" show with so many queens that you have to take notes to keep up. And unless there are comedy or specialty acts to break the pace, two hours of lip synch can get tedious.

Of course, the drawback to cabaret styling is the backstage logistics — not much time for intricate costume changes. But The Dream Girls Revue managed by fielding members to chat or joke with the audience between songs.

My interest was piqued early on when Felice took the stage in a short but belted vinyl coat with silver fringe peeking out at the hem. "I ain't missin' you," she

Life Is A Drag

By Elise Barbara Fox

mimicked to a torch song. It flowed effortlessly into studied choreography capturing "big wheel keep on turnin'" lyrics. That paddleboat wheel can't turn as rapidly as she can shake her bootie to the delight of the audience. By that time she'd already unbelted the vinyl to reveal a sultry red and rose form-fitting mini-dress cross hatched with sparkling silver accents. The strappy Mary Jane shoes were a nice touch. It was nonstop, whirling movement. When the song ended, the faceless emcee voice over the public address asks for the breathless Felice, "Anyone got on oxygen tank."

I wondered if anyone was going to do Top 40 radio playlist stuff: Regina didn't disappoint. You've seen other performers do "Barbie" but her stage rendition had a comic twist. Instead of the usual staging — svelte, hug-every-curve garments — Regina wore a gaudy orange blouse with mismatched yellow pants — maybe something Barbie would use as Hawaii beach coverups if she reached the bottom of her trunk and hadn't done laundry in a week. Regina deserves kudos for reinterpreting a bubble gum song that easily could get stale. With such creativity, she should do well at the pageant.

Word of the week, "multifarious." Remember it. You might need it for a crossword puzzle or TV's "Jeopardy." It means "having much variety or diversity." It certainly applies to the inaugural Dream Girls revue.

The costuming was dazzling. For her final number Mr. Kenneth Blake skipped into the audience in a sensual zebra print, matching miniskirt and jacket, gleaming V-notch belt and calf high back vinyl boots. Lyrics included the phrase "9 to 5" and she may indeed have been a working girl but not in any office I know. Her sense of showmanship is matched by wit.

"Next week is my birthday. I'm staying home. I'm 112 forever."

Gowns and glitz. This show had

it all. "Where is my baby, Felice entreats in black ballroom length garment with matching fabric flowers at the back of over the shoulder straps and loosely flowing bottom of the gown pleats. I don't think it came from the \$5 resale rack.

Raymond in the DJ booth had mastery over stage production music: not a single glitch. And of course you probably already know that Stonewall gained more audience floor space by reconfiguring the bar area. That's helpful to performers who like to cavort among the patrons. With pageant winners out to "break a leg" in what amounts to a theatrical mini-troupe, you can't go wrong. I know. Seven o'clock Sunday night — Tucson third's most-watched TV show, CBS "Touched by an Angel." Still leaves you plenty of time to get to Stonewall.

"Talking about bad, bad girl. Like everybody else, they want to be a star."

The pageant season — around the corner. I bought a new dress in anticipation of being in the audience. It's a deep V-neck, tie-front mini length black number. I left the price tag affixed to remind me not to wear it until then. Next task: find some silvery accessories. It's the color of the season.

But this isn't about costume jewelry; I need to dispel a persistent rumor I've heard in recent years — that our pageants somehow resemble big city ward politics and that "the fix is in." I have no doubt that pageant promoters have their favorites among the entrants who pay substantial fees for the privilege of performing before you in such categories as talent, evening wear and creative costume.

You can't rent a hotel ballroom or theatrical venue for peanuts. Go ask their marketing departments. Promoters are entrepreneurs. They make booking and hope they'll sell enough tickets to cover costs. But I doubt they could coerce drag show judges, even if they were so inclined, into picking a particular crown holder.

There is no plebiscite in our community to appoint the juried panel. It should be obvious the promoters recruit them and pray they'll show up before the curtain. Granted, the judges may be of the same philosophical bent as the promoter. Would you really expect otherwise? There are standards: costuming, theatrical staging, production values, creativity. Much of it is subjective.

I'm sure there would be less suspicion if drag pageants took a clue from televised ice skating shows and ran a scoreboard after each event, listing the rankings of judges on technical merit and artistic value. If you voted in Arizona's 1994 referendum on Merit Selection of Judges for the state Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and the Superior Courts of Pima and Maricopa counties, you already know the debate over judicial fairness.

Under the system promoted to voters by big money publicists, the governor appoints judges to these benches. If you weren't here then or were too young to remember, I'll broad brush the issue. The hype was to keep judges free of politics. It's really much more insidious. Do you really think any of these appointees spend sleepless nights about sending some Joe Six-Pack to the Florence death house or to the slammer to do 25 to life? And who really cares, except taxpayers who foot the bills, if prisons are filled with drug abusers?

No. It wasn't about safe streets. It was about profitable corporations and campaign financing. By giving the governor the power to appoint judges in all but rural counties, the XYZ corporations — utilities, railroads, mines, agricultural conglomerates, banks and insurance companies — have friends on the bench when civil damage cases come before them. When millions of dollars are at stake, the big kids don't want to take chances. They'd like the justice system rigged in their favor. Why do you think trial lawyers, the hired guns of the little guy, have been so opposed to insurance industry-backed limits on personal injury damage awards? It's an issue that seems to resurface in that "Dukes of Hazzard" outfit we dignify by calling it a Legislature.

"Do not forsake me. Oh my
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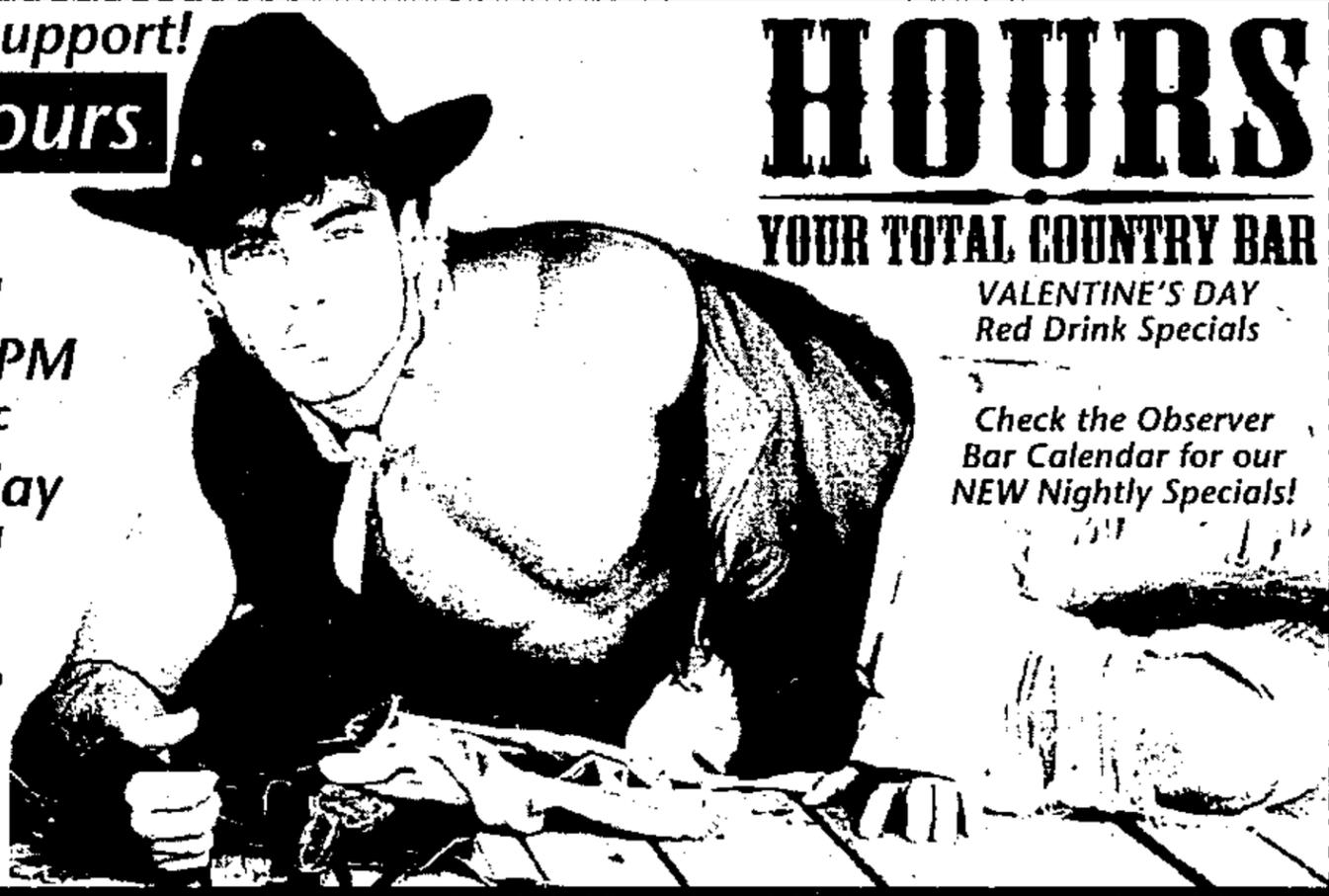
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PERSPECTIVE....

by Laura Alexander

Arizona Denies Civil Rights To Lesbian & Gay Victims Of Domestic Violence

Civil rights violations against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people in Arizona, and in the larger United States, are well-documented, codified, and numerous.

Among other things, sexual minorities are not allowed to marry, resulting in the denial of insurance coverage, inheritance without exorbitant taxes, and other financial and practical advantages enjoyed by heterosexual married couples. One civil rights denial which has not been addressed or commonly known, is Arizona's state domestic violence law which denies protection from violence in a same-sex relationship.

Same sex domestic violence is prevalent. Studies show that among Lesbians and Gay men, approximately 17 to 26% have experienced physical violence in their same-sex, intimate relationships. This is roughly equivalent to statistics among heterosexual women. Contrary to popular belief, violence by Lesbians and Gay men against their intimate partners is just as dangerous and deadly as violence committed by men against their female partners. Doesn't it follow, then, that Gay and Lesbian victims should be afforded the same protections as heterosexual victims?

Despite the obvious affirmative answer to this question, Gay and Lesbian victims are not guaranteed equal access to protection under Arizona law. Heterosexuals who are victims of domestic violence in Arizona may apply for an order of protection, which provides the following protections:

Restraints the abuser from committing acts of domestic violence.

Grants exclusive use and possession of the residence to the victim if physical harm otherwise may result.

Restraints the abuser from coming near the residence, place of employment, or school of the plaintiff or other designated persons.

Prohibits the abuser from possessing or purchasing a firearm or requires the abuser to transfer the firearm to an appropriate law enforcement agency, if it is found that the abuser may inflict serious bodily injury or death.

Requires the defendant to participate in domestic violence counseling or other appropriate program.

For Lesbian and Gay victims, however, the law does not apply. It states that the relationship between the victim and the abuser must be a "relationship of persons of the opposite sex." Arizona is one of only seven states in the U.S. denying these critical protections to victims of same sex domestic violence.

Victims of same sex domestic violence must apply for an injunction against harassment, which provides some, but not all, of the protections provided by an order of protection. Critical, life-saving differences include:

An injunction against harassment does not grant exclusive use and possession of the residence, leaving many victims to return to their home with the abuser, or having to leave their home and

their possessions.

An order of protection prohibits the abuser from possessing or purchasing a firearm, while a harassment injunction does not.

Under a harassment injunction, an abuser is not court-ordered into domestic violence counseling or treatment.

Penalties are more severe for violations of an order of protection than for violations of a harassment injunction.

In addition to these distinct differences, by singling out same-sex victims, the State of Arizona sends a message to domestic violence victims that they are undeserving of legal protection. It sends a message to perpetrators that their behavior is not taken seriously by the criminal justice system. And it sends a message to law enforcement, attorneys, judges, and even counselors and advocates, that same sex domestic violence is not as serious or as deserving of their time and attention, as domestic violence in heterosexual relationships.

Currently, there is a movement in Arizona to remedy this disparity. Senator Elaine Richardson is sponsoring Senate Bill 1215 to change the language of the Arizona statute from "persons of the opposite sex" to "persons in intimate relationships." This bill would afford much-needed protections to victims of same sex domestic violence, protections available to heterosexual victims for over 20 years. The bill would also move Arizona toward a recognition of same sex domestic violence as a serious social issue.

Moreover, these changes would bring Arizona up to the same standards as the vast majority of the United States, standards set forth by the federal Violence Against Women Act.

Clearly, opponents of this bill see equal protection for victims of same sex domestic violence as tantamount to a government sanctioning of same sex relationships. Are we saying, then, that people whose sexuality is Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual deserve to be slapped, punched, kicked, raped, stabbed, shot, or even killed by their intimate partners without the intervention or equal protection of the law?

I am reminded of an incident in Milwaukee in which police officers - laughing because they assumed there was something "kinky" going on - returned a bloodied, naked fourteen-year-old to his supposed Gay lover, Jeffrey Dahmer, who subsequently killed the boy.

Arguments such as "Gays and Lesbians are immoral," or "There is no violence in the Gay and Lesbian communities," must be put aside. We must realize the critical importance of this issue and support the bill to bring protection to victims of same sex domestic violence.

People who are victims of domestic violence deserve our open-mindedness and active support to gain civil rights in all regards. Please call your legislators today and tell them you support Senate Bill 1215. In Tucson, call (520) 628-6593 or (520) 628-6596 to get information

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Lambda Targets Arkansas Sodomy Law

LITTLE ROCK, AR (NP) — Lambda's litigators — and 7 very brave people — will take up the fight against Arkansas' law prohibiting same-gender sex acts...the law that got by Bill.

The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund filed a lawsuit on behalf of seven Gays and Lesbians in the hope of striking down Arkansas' sodomy law. It's one of only six such state laws applying exclusively to same-gender sex acts, although almost half the states have non-gender-specific sodomy laws.

Although violations of the Arkansas law are only misdemeanors, they are punishable by up to one year in jail and \$1,000 — and the law's ramifications extend far beyond any actual enforcement.

Lambda staff attorney Suzanne Goldberg said, "This law creates a second-class status for Lesbians and Gay men, criminalizing intimate, sexual behavior that is perfectly legal for non-Gay people. The Arkansas sodomy statute is used to cause terrible harm to Gay people, depriving Gay parents of custody of their children and putting people at risk of losing their professional licenses, their jobs, and their homes, simply for engaging in sexual intimacy with a loved one."

Lambda intends to show that the sodomy law violates privacy rights and the federal constitutional guarantee of equal treatment before the law. Lambda has already played a role in successful legal

challenges to discriminatory sodomy laws in Tennessee, Kentucky and Montana.

The group says that the 1996 U.S. Supreme Court decision striking down Colorado's Amendment 2 in "Romer v. Evans" is "a new and powerful federal tool" they can use against other discriminatory laws.

(Amendment 2 was a ballot initiative passed in 1992 to prohibit and overturn local ordinances recognizing Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals as a minority group. It never took effect because it was immediately appealed to the courts, where it lost every round up to and including the U.S. Supreme Court. The high court's ruling made it clear that no group could legally be singled out to be denied equal participation in the political process.)

Arkansas' sodomy law had previously been repealed and then reinstated. The reinstatement occurred during now-U.S. President Bill Clinton's tenure as Arkansas Governor.

Lesbian Adoption Battle

SYRACUSE, NY (SPS) — The breakup of a Lesbian couple raising a daughter together has triggered a legal debate that could redefine adoption law in New York State.

According to court documents, the child's mother was artificially inseminated and gave birth to a daughter four

years ago. The mother agreed to let her partner adopt the child, but the couple split up last year and the child's natural mother withdrew her consent. The partner is suing to allow adoption proceedings to continue as was agreed.

What makes the case so complicated, say observers, is that the girl's natural mother originally agreed to give up her rights as a natural parent so that the couple could adopt the child together as equals.

Hunt argued that the Court had no legal authority to grant an adoption over the objections of the natural mother without evidence the child's present or future financial circumstances would be jeopardized.

In a particularly difficult decision for Onondaga County Family Court Judge Bryan Hedges, the court has been put on notice that the two women did not split amicably and that police were called to their home several times to mediate disputes. "This would set a very dangerous precedent," said Marsha Hunt, the lawyer for the child's natural mother, "forcing a child into a hostile situation."

Observers note however, that it would difficult to assign blame for the fights on either party and that a joint custody arrangement between the two women may in fact be in the child's best interest.

Marjorie Wengert, representing the woman seeking legal guardianship, asked the court to recognize that the relationship the two women shared was a "de-facto" marriage. Even if the couple are no

longer together, the child, Wengert said, "has the right to be with her other mother as well as financial and emotional support from her."

Judge Hedges seemed skeptical of Wengert's arguments, saying that counsel was trying to get him to "create the figment of a marriage" and "the backdoor creation of a fiction that cannot be." A decision on whether to conduct a full hearing on the case will be issued shortly.

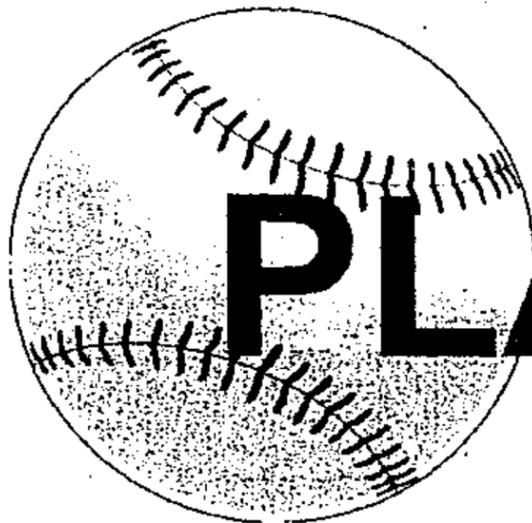
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Columna Abierta

by Dr. Eusebio García

¿Qué tal?. Antes que nada, las disculpas por la ausencia de esta Columna Abierta la semana pasada, pero la verdad es la cantidad de trabajo y de compromisos que tenemos, pero aquí estamos con los "chismes" y la información para esta semana; y desde luego que se agradecen las llamadas para preguntar sobre este artículo, de verdad nos da gusto que se preocupen y nos hagan saber que tenemos lectores para lo que aquí escribimos... de verdad muchas gracias!!!...

Tal como les prometí; el segundo Foro De Consulta Comunitaria que se llevó a cabo en Agua Prieta, fue un éxito, y vimos aquel Auditorio Municipal casi lleno, por lo menos unas 500 personas asistieron y participaron en una forma muy activa, sobre todo en la sección de preguntas y respuestas; y a la vez nos dimos cuenta que hay muchos padres responsables e interesados por la Integración Familiar, ya se han formado algunos grupos de personas que están trabajando y planeando actividades para mantener lo que debe ser La Familia... Y gracias al apoyo que ha dado DIF Estatal, se llevarán estos Foros Comunitarios en diferentes ciudades del Estado de Sonora, siendo estos Foros de Agua Prieta como modelos a seguir... Las personas que participaron en el Panel, fueron 15 en total, y todos ellos representando a las diferentes organizaciones y dependencias en proveer y servir las necesidades de aquella fronteriza ciudad... Les mantendremos informado sobre futuras actividades... Es muy importante hacerles saber que la Sra. Irma V. de Terán presidenta del DIF Agua Prieta ha dedicado al máximo todo su tiempo en trabajar bajo los objetivos que mencionó durante la campaña política, sobre todo en lo que respecta a La Familia Aguaprietense; desde luego que la Lic. Rosa I. Acosta, Directora de la misma organización ha estado cuidando detalle a detalle para que se haga notable la participación de todas las damas voluntarias que han trabajado las 24 horas, no nada más en el desarrollo del mencionado Foro, sino que que toda la labor y los compromisos que tiene DIF... Felicidades! y que sigan adelante!!!

También nos tocó estar presentes en la primera reunión de este año del Consejo Binacional de Salud de Ambos Nogales, donde se apreció la solidaridad del personal del IMSS de Nogales, Sonora ya que en las elecciones para Co-secretario por Nogales Sonora quedó el Dr. Roberto Sedano Sanchez Director de la Unidad Medica Familiar #5 del IMSS Nogales. Con este compromiso se verá más actividad relacionada entre la SSP y IMSS, Ya les daremos información al respecto... Dentro del Consejo Binacional de Salud de Ambos Nogales; el Subcomité de Medio Ambiente tendrá una reunión de los Subcomités de los otros Consejos Binacionales de Sonora, que en total son tres, el del Noroeste de Sonora y Condado de Cochise, el de Yuma/San Luis Rio Colorado y el de Ambos Nogales. La reunión está programada para el día 27 de Marzo en Tubac AZ. ya les tendremos la agenda al acercarse la fecha...

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Gay Advocates In Maine Home Stretch

PORTLAND, ME (PPH) — The Gay advocacy group Maine Won't Discriminate plans to start a television advertising campaign this week that observers say will play a critical role in the group's effort to preserve Maine's Gay-rights law.

A commercial featuring Gov. Angus King urging a "no" vote on the Feb. 10 referendum has begun broadcasting throughout the state. It will continue to be shown until Election Day. A second "vote no" commercial likely will be run in the next few days.

Political analysts say the TV campaign is an important advantage that Maine Won't Discriminate has over its opponents, who have not raised enough money to buy air time.

Getting people motivated to go out and vote is crucial to keeping the Gay-rights measure intact, say rights advocates. A low turnout is expected to benefit the proponents of a "yes" vote seeking to overturn the Gay-rights law.

"Maine does not believe in discrimination" Joe Cooper, a spokesman for Maine Won't Discriminate, said. "We just have to make sure people understand the issue and go out and vote."

With only a few months for the whole campaign - much of it sapped by the holidays and the devastating ice storm which swept through the region - advocates for both sides are worried that few people in Maine will remember to go to the polls.

Polls showing that a substantial majority of registered voters (62 percent) would vote to retain the Gay rights measure "mean absolutely nothing," according to government professor Christian Pottholm. "This election will be entirely (voter) turnout-driven" he said.

HIV-like Gene Therapy Protects Monkeys

NEW YORK, NY (RHIS) — A new type of gene therapy appears to at least partially protect animals against the ravages of SIV, the monkey virus that shares many immune-destroying characteristics with HIV.

The new technique uses a strand of genetic material, known as antisense RNA, to interfere with the production of tat and rev, two proteins that both SIV and HIV need to reproduce and ultimately destroy CD4 immune cells.

According to a report in the journal Nature Medicine, researchers collected CD4 cells from rhesus monkeys and inserted antisense RNA-producing genes into the cells using a gene-transfer retrovirus.

The "armed" cells were returned to the body, and the animals exposed to SIV.

While all three animals in the study did become infected with the virus, they had significantly lower levels of virus in their blood and lymph nodes and they had a greater number of CD4 cells compared with other SIV-infected monkeys.

"We've actually been able to show that in the best animal model for HIV infection, you can indeed stop viruses from replicating, and that can result in sustained CD4 cell counts," said senior investigator Dr. Richard Morgan in a statement released by The National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI), a component of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. "If you can maintain a number of CD4 cells that have normal function, if you're producing less virus, that may be of benefit to people infected with HIV long term," said Morgan, the head of the Gene Transfer Technology Section at the NHGRI.

Mentor Program now "Circle of Friends"

by Arthur Padlita

In 1996 the AIDS Prevention Collaboration (APC) began an innovative program for young Gay men in Tucson. This was known as the Mentor Project. Our first coordinator began the project with fervor and managed to train over forty mentors and make eleven matches with youth.

Over the next year and a half the mentors and mentees participated in numerous activities, events, and a good amount of one-on-one time. Then the money ran out.

Since the APC felt that the program was both innovative as an HIV prevention project and crucial for the young Gay community, we decided to continue the program. In order for this to be successful we needed to combine two coordinator positions into one. This presented many more problems in the end than it solved. In the end, the program suffered and nothing seemed to be happening. Through it all however, mentors and mentees continued to meet and maintain relationships. However, without funding or a full-time coordinator the APC was forced to transform the program once again.

With the best of intentions to keep this wonderful idea alive the program shifted and became an arm of QueerVoice (formally the Gay Young Men's program). Under QueerVoice the Mentor Program received both a philosophical change and a name change. The parameters of the program were extended to meet the needs of young Lesbians and Transgendered youth as well as Gay and Bisexual.

Also, the program name was changed to "Circle of Friends," in order to reflect this new philosophy. During the last half of 1997, Circle of Friends trained nine new mentors and began work with Wingspan Youth Group in order to make it easier for youth to access the program.

With a contract year coming to a close, and with QueerVoice growing and becoming a stronger program, the old mentor program received one final face lift. Two things allowed this to happen:

First, the state health department included the objectives of Circle of Friends in the new 1998 contract. This meant that for the next three years, Circle of Friends has funding. Secondly, the objectives of QueerVoice allowed Circle of Friends to become an integral part of the HIV prevention strategies for queer youth in Tucson.

Our new approach is to train both male and female couples that have been in long term relationships to be the leaders of a small group of youth. This "unit" (the group leaders and the youth) will be called a house. The group leaders will be called "house parents."

The houses will be modeled after the fashion industry and be designed to compete with one another for points. Points will be accrued through the hosting of monthly events, and participating in a fashion show at the quarterly QueerVoice Community Event. The house with the most points at the end of the year will be awarded special prizes and clearly dictate the creativity, initiative, and commitment necessary to be the best in 1999.

So, if you have wanted to be involved in the Gay and Lesbian community but never knew where to begin, QueerVoice and Circle of Friends are here for you! So you are invited to contribute your creativity, energy, commitment and hope for a better future for the Tucson community.

The QueerVoice and Circle of Friends staff can be contacted at 322-6226 or 291-6451. Or drop a cyber line at QueerVoice@aol.com. Ask for Arthur or Scott! We are here and it's a new year, a new program, and a new Tucson community.

Third Annual Queer Voice Gay And Lesbian Youth Retreat Feb. 27

TUCSON (QV) -- During the cold February of last year, thirty-five cold and tired people poured out of bright new vans that had carried them from the warm sun of Tucson to the hills outside of Payson, Arizona.

These thirty-five youth had all arrived to participate in the second annual QueerVoice retreat. Well, the time has come to begin again! We are again going to some far away place to hide away from the world, television, and the distractions of everyday life to begin a new year.

This year, the third annual QueerVoice retreat has become a very exciting and new adventure. We have transformed into a retreat not only for QueerVoice but we are including the Circle of Friends and the Gay Men's Health Project. So we are looking to take eight youth from Tucson (we need more young Lesbians!), eight adults for the Circle of Friends team, and eight members for the Gay Men's Health Project.

This means that space is running out and the time is drawing near! We will be pulling out of Tucson Friday, February 27 and will be returning Sunday, March 1. For more information, call 322-6226.

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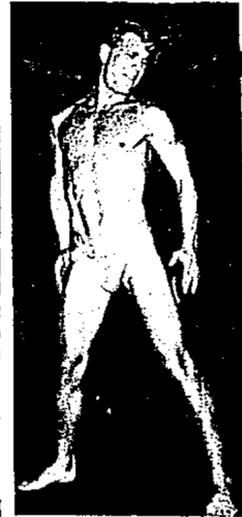
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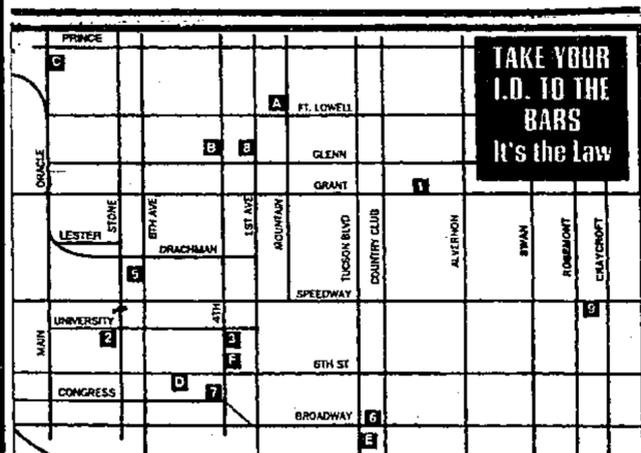
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Massachusetts Senate Okays Domestic Partner Benefits For State Workers

BOSTON, MA (NP) - They didn't want their pictures taken while they were doing it, but the Massachusetts Senate voted to grant health insurance to its state workers' domestic partners.

On a voice vote that allowed individual positions to remain anonymous, the Massachusetts Senate approved extending spousal health insurance benefits to state workers' unmarried domestic partners, both heterosexual and same-gender.

The bill introduced by Democratic state Senator Diaune Wilkerson is expected to face strong opposition in the Massachusetts House, and Governor Paul Cellucci is not yet stating a position. Had Governor William Weld not resigned in the course of his ultimately unsuccessful bid to become the U.S. Ambassador to Mexico, it is very likely he would have signed such a bill.

The bill would also officially allow municipalities the option of similarly extending their own health care benefits; although four Massachusetts cities (Amherst, Cambridge, Northampton and Springfield) have already done so, at least three others (Boston, Brookline and Newton) are believed to be awaiting the state's go-ahead.

Serious conflicts have arisen in other locales: for example, in Atlanta, Georgia, where earlier domestic partner benefits legislation was struck down by the state, five new bills in the state legislature are designed to eliminate its current benefits; Arlington County, Virginia's new benefits are also under state scrutiny.

The debate was televised, which perhaps contributed to the low-key, civilized tone of the discussion -- maybe why only one lawmaker actually used the "g" and "l" words. Concerns have been raised about costs (estimated by Senate Ways and Means Committee Chair Stanley Rosenberg (D-Amherst) at \$3.1-million for the first year and ultimately a maximum of \$14.4-million) and about potential for fraud by people only pretending to be domestic partners.

While the Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus celebrated a victory for equal compensation, The Catholic Action League's C.J. Doyle accused the Senate of caving in to "an aggressive and politically connected interest group" to "undermine the family by creating an unwarranted equality between homosexual unions and illicit heterosexual unions on one hand, and the institution of marriage on the other."

Vermont already offers domestic partner benefits to its workers, and a similar bill in California has just passed its first legislative committee. Hawaii's registered "reciprocal beneficiaries" (who can be essentially any two adults who are not otherwise contracted, including blood relatives) also qualify.

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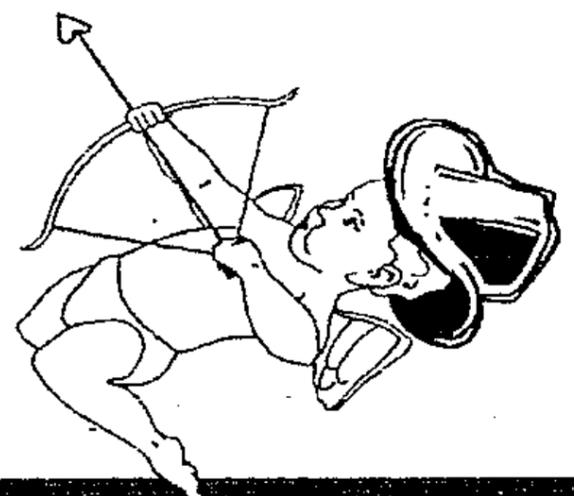
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Team Arizona Meeting February 11

TUCSON - The Tucson chapter of Team Arizona will meet, February 11 to plan participation and fund raising for the 1998 Gay Games, which will be held August 1-8 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

The meeting will take place at Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street in Tucson. The meeting will start at 6:00 P.M.

For more information about Team Arizona and the Gay Games, contact Edna in Tucson, (520) 293-9356; Kevin in Phoenix, (602) 489-5998, or Jay in Phoenix, (602) 285-1558.

UFMCC Congregation Passes \$6.2 Million Mark For New Cathedral

LOS ANGELES, CA - The world's largest predominantly G/L church has passed the \$6.2 million mark in fund raising for its new worship facility in Dallas, Texas.

The Rev. Troy D. Perry, founder and moderator of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC), congratulated the members of the Cathedral of Hope MCC for this historic milestone.

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"UFMCC members in Dallas have once again demonstrated those qualities that continue to make UFMCC one of the world's fastest growing religious bodies: commitment and sacrifice," said Perry.

Plans by the MCC-Dallas call for construction of a \$25 million dollar cathedral which will seat 2,500 persons.

Suspects In Gay L.A. Robberies Identified

LOS ANGELES, CA (WS) - Authorities have identified two people who are apparently targeting victims in Southern California's Gay communities.

Los Angeles police say the men are identified as 27-year-old Stephen "Stephan" Richter and 27-year-old Michael Del Gutierrez, who also goes by the name Miguel Delfino Gutierrez. The pair are suspected of befriending men in West Hollywood and San Diego, accompanying them home, drugging them, and then stealing their possessions.

Police say the crimes are "of grave concern" because the victims were specifically targeted and were given an unknown drug known to cause severe injury or death.

Texas Lesbian Conference In San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO, TX - The eleventh annual Texas Lesbian Conference, TLC '98, will be held in San Antonio, May 29-31. Over 400 women are expected to attend.

Keynote speakers and workshop presenters will focus on the theme of "Creating Balance/Creando un Balance."

Scheduled speakers include the trainer and activist Suzanne Pharr from Oregon. Writer, director, and performing artist Sharon Bridgforth of the Root Wynn Theatre Company is scheduled. A third keynote address is expected by Carmen Vasquez, the activist policy director of the Lesbian/Gay Community Center of New York.

Noted writer Katherine V. Forrest is scheduled as a workshop presenter. Conference attendees will also enjoy a comedy performance Saturday evening.

The conference will be held at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel, downtown on the San Antonio River, 118 Lexington. For further information, contact Textures Bookstore, (215) 805-8398.

Son Murders Gay Dad's Lover; Blinds Father

CHARLOTTE, NC (WS) - A North Carolina man who had been embarrassed since age 13 about his father's homosexuality was convicted for shooting his father's lover to death and blinding his father.

Jerry Mac Matthews Jr., 36, could get the death penalty in the 1996 attack. Matthews shot and wounded his 60-year-old father and killed 45-year-old Everette Lee Kerley as the two men sat in a car parked outside a restaurant. The elder Matthews had had a 25-year relationship with Kerley.

The son was found guilty of murder as well as assault with intent to kill. Psychologist Jerry Noble testified that the younger Matthews once idolized his father but became disillusioned at 13 when his parents divorced and his father told him he was Gay.

Noble said Matthews felt ashamed and "feared that one day he may become homosexual himself."

Women's Event At Gay Day Disneyworld Weekend

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Mariah Hanson Presents is proud to announce it has been invited to produce the first ever official women's party associated with Gay Day at The Magic Kingdom in Orlando, Florida.

After an exhaustive search, Good Time Tours, the events official tour operator, choose Mariah Hanson's production company.

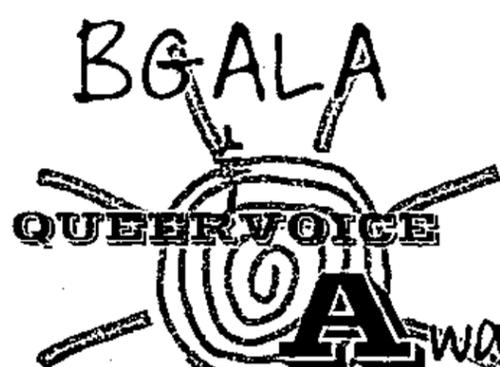
Prior to 1998, the events surrounding Gay Day at the Magic Kingdom (That Walt built!) did not include a formal women's part hosted by a Lesbian event company. Over 80,000 Gays and Lesbians are estimated to attend this annual and fast growing event. Organizers wanted to ensure women were also offered exciting events to augment the day activities surround this very special weekend.

"Many women promoters expressed an interest, but without prior solicitation we actually contacted Mariah Hanson, "says Lela Hunter, owner of Good Time Tours. "When we began asking around, her name kept on coming up. She has an impressive reputation for first rate productions, the name recognition, and definitely the draw. After several discussions; we chose her and we're glad we did. She has some exciting plans in store for our women's audience."

The first annual Club Skirts "Harlem" during Gay Day at The Magic Kingdom takes place Saturday, June 6, 9:00 P.M., at 6225 West Bronson Hwy, just outside the West gate of Disneyworld. The ticket price is \$15 advance, \$20 at the door.

Tickets and event information can be obtained by call (888) 5-SKIRTS. For travel and accommodations, call Good Time Tours, (888) 429-3527.

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Awareness Week Events	
12:00-1:00 PM	Tuesday, February 10 Full-blown drag-queen show, UA Mall BGALA! This is a first!!!! Other organizations will have tables on the mall.
12:00-1:00 PM	Wednesday, 11 February Speakers' panel, UA Mall Comprised of BGALA members and representatives from gay community, religious and other groups.
12:00-12.30 PM	Thursday, February 12 Prof. McDaniel will present "Why Bother Coming Out?" and read from excerpts of her book on the UA Mall
12:00-1:00 PM	BGALA members and others are encouraged to speak and read from their own poetic and creative works
All Day	Tables, UA Mall (BGALA and others on/off campus) Film screening: Silverlinings "We're Here, Old & Queer" (a local film!!! Come support the work of dedicated people!--Call BGALA office for more info).
9:00 PM-12:00 AM	Friday, February 13 Awareness Week Ball (Dance), The Cellar in the Memorial Student Union (basement level). This dance is going to ROCK and we already have 80 people from QueerVoice, BGALA, and Wingspan



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TO THE EDITOR:

There was an article in last week's issue of The Observer about the chorus "Sons of Orpheus" and their upcoming concerts.

In the article, Sons of Orpheus is touted as "the male choir of Tucson." Where has the writer of the article been for the last couple of years? Has the writer not heard of Reveille Gay Men's Chorus?

Reveille is now in its third season, and has delighted concert-goers with its outstanding vocal talent. Perhaps the writer should have looked around a little before granting Sons of Orpheus the monopoly on men's choruses; perhaps the writer should check out Reveille in March at their "Prayers for Bobby" concert.

Yours truly,
L.J. Neilson

Utahns Uneasy With Gay Teachers

SALT LAKE CITY, UT (DN) — Fifty-seven percent of Utahns are ill at ease with the idea of Gay or Lesbian teachers in Utah schools, according to a recent poll.

The poll, conducted by Dan Jones & Associates, was sparked by controversy surrounding Spanish Fork High School teacher and coach Wendy Weaver, who filed a civil rights lawsuit against the Nebo County School District after officials told her she could not talk about her sexual orientation inside or outside the classroom.

Roughly 35% of those polled who were uncomfortable with Gay or Lesbian teachers said their opinions would likely change if they were assured the teacher never discussed homosexuality in class.

Teen Who Killed Virginia Gay Man Is Sentenced

RICHMOND, VA (WS) — The last of a trio of Virginia teens who killed a Gay man will have 43 years to figure out why.

The story of the puzzling murder of open Gay David Mosley in November 1996 ended as Rashawn Dewayne Simmons was sentenced to 43 years in prison, following a jury conviction for first degree-murder.

Simmons was 16 at the time of the shooting, which he committed in concert with two other teens, Michael Joseph Kelly and Antoine Lamont Washington. Both of them testified against Simmons, who remained a fugitive for months after they had turned themselves in.

In separate trials, Kelly, believed to be the one who planned the killing, was convicted of murder and conspiracy to rob and sentenced to 19 years in prison; while Washington, who also testified against Kelly, was sentenced to 6-1/2 years in prison after pleading guilty to conspiracy to rob.

Mosley often spent time with the teenagers after school, and on the day of the murder was driving them around as he often did, but when he parked, Simmons, sitting in the back seat, shot him three times in the back of the head.

Henrico County Circuit Judge George Tidey, who tried Kelly as well as Simmons, believed the teens attacked Mosley because he was Gay, and called the crime senseless and a "bizarre plot."

Arizona Legislative Update

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rights of Arizonans wanting to be tested for HIV. Which leads to...

People being tested for HIV in the state of Arizona could be hazardous to their health if SB 1261 is approved.

The proposed legislation is also sponsored by Sen. Tom Patterson, R-Phoenix. SB 1261 would dismantle the state confidentiality statutes dealing with HIV/AIDS information in hospitals.

Currently, it requires written permission by the individual tested to release the information. SB 1261 would repeal the statute requiring written forms.

"It will not help people who are living with HIV/AIDS or test positive," Anne Maley of SAAF commented. "Named reporting has not and will not work."

SB 1261 has been assigned to the Senate Health Committee for consideration.

HB 2396, a measure would make knowingly exposing someone to the HIV virus a Class-Three Felony. The bill would be in effect if the victim tests HIV-positive. HB 2396 has had smooth sailing during this legislative session.

The bill was heard by the House Judiciary Committee and was approved by a unanimous vote. HB 2396 now goes to the House Rules Committee.

Capitol sources expect HB 2396 to be approved -- especially since it is an election year.

G/L ADOPTION -- FOSTER PARENTS

HB 2482, the proposed legislation which would bar Gay and Lesbian adoptions, foster parenting and foster homes in Arizona still sits before the House Government Reform & States Rights Committee.

No hearings are scheduled for this week on HB 2482.

Deadline for new bills in the House passed on Monday, February 2. The State Senate's deadline for filing new proposals is Monday, February 9.

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A View From The Rock

A Comentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

The news reports of the last few days regarding what our president did or did not do with various female acquaintances has raised some interesting questions. One that intrigues me is the continuing debate over values, morality, ethics; standards to which we should or should not hold individuals accountable. What is right or what is wrong? Where does standard time come from? Who decides? Does that standard apply to every one in every situation?

Ethics, according to the dictionary, concerns dealing with what is good or bad, and with moral duty and obligation. Moral is defined as relating to principles of right and wrong in behavior; ethics. That leads us back to my questions: What standard should be used? Is there more than one standard? And where does that standard come from?

In old England, a measurement called a foot was determined by the measurement of a foot (or sometimes the hand) of the reigning king. If the king had a big foot, you got a lot more of the measured material than if he had a small one. It seems obvious that the measurement changed from time to time, as old kings died and new ones took the throne. This must have made for confusion, and probably cheating by those so inclined.

In the United States, we use a yard for a standard of measurement. You always know it is 36-inches; it never changes no matter what king (president) is at the head of the government.

Which way of measuring length is more precise—the one that changes or the one that remains the same? The answer is obvious, but why is it that when it comes to morals we so often let everyone set their own standards? Many people subscribe to the popular concept that if something doesn't (appear to) harm anyone then it is all right to do. And there are those who carry this to the extreme of believing "I can do what I want when I want because I am ultimately responsible to myself." If everyone acted on this belief we would have a country with no laws at all. Everyone could do just as they pleased; they could murder, rape, steal, or whatever, and there would be no consequences.

The Bible tells us what the ultimate result of this kind of thinking is: "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death." (Proverbs 14:12) You see, the only constant in

this world is God. He is "...the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8) In his word we learn the moral standards of right and wrong. You may choose to ignore his standards, even his very existence, but in the end you will suffer the results of your willful ignorance: "...in the end it leads to death. This death spoken of in the Bible is the eternal separation from God in a place of continual torment.

Because God does not want "...anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." (II Peter 3:9b), he had made a way for each of us so that we do not have to suffer this eternal separation from him. The way he made is through accepting what Jesus Christ did on the cross for each one of us. After we accept him as our savior, he leads us into the right way and helps us to keep following his way and living by his standards, which never change.

Which standards would you prefer those around you to live by? Changeable or unchangeable? And, more importantly, by which standards are you living?

MCC Valentine Dance and Celebration Feb. 14

TUCSON — For that special evening on the town with the love of your life, Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church of Tucson (MCC) will be hosting a Valentine's Dance and Celebration at the church, 3269 North Mountain Avenue, Saturday, February 14, 7:00 P.M. until 10:30 P.M.

Dance to the sounds of "Sunday's Child," our live band while you enjoy light refreshment and hors d'oeuvres in a LesBiGay/Transgender affirming, smoke-free, alcohol-free environment.

As the church marks both Valentine's Day and Statehood Day, they will also be introducing their recently installed Pastor, Ms. Joyce Cook to the community and celebrating all the wonderful things that have happened over the past several months.

So circle Valentine's Day on your calendar and bring that special someone for an evening of dancing, good music and friendship. Tickets are now available at the church and will also be available at the door for \$5 per person. For more information call the church, (520) 292-9151.

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proposal to \$1.7 million. Wow!

A bill, SB 1346, to end discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation was introduced this week in the State Senate.

The sponsor of the measure is Senator Elaine Richardson, D-Tucson. Richardson said about potential opponents, "If homophobes got a problem with it, I have a problem with them." You go girl!

SB 1037, the bill that would reduce the rights of those living with HIV/AIDS in Arizona is sailing through the State Senate.

The measure, sponsored by the "Dr. Kevorkian" of the Legislature, Sen. Tom Patterson, R-Phoenix, would make the Department of Health Services release confidential medical information to "good Samaritans" who fear they were exposed to a communicable disease at an accident scene, passed the Senate Rules Committee and is before the Senate Committee of the Whole.

To note: Patterson is an emergency-room physician. What a frightening thought!

People being tested for HIV in

Arizona could be hazardous to their health if SB 1261 is passed.

The bill would repeal the requirement for written permission forms in hospitals to release information about HIV status.

SB 1261 has been assigned to the Senate Health Committee. Be afraid, be very afraid!

HB 2396, a measure would make knowingly exposing someone to the HIV virus a Class-Three Felony sailed through the House Judiciary Committee and goes before the House Rules Committee.

Capitol sources stated HB 2396 will have an easy time, especially since it is an election year. Let the Gay, Lesbian and AIDS bashing begin!

What would a legislative session be without a "dildo bill" to deal with. This year it is SB 1367. Woo-woo!

SB 1367, also known as a waste-of-taxpayers-money, defines such things as "state of nudity," "nude model studio," the showing of nipples, genitals, and areola. What smut!

This bill has not received a second reading and hasn't been assigned to a committee. Surprise! . . .

So it goes for now kids!

Life Is A Drag

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darlin' on this our wedding day."

Theme music to the Western classic "High Noon," presenting an act of conscience on a dusty street by a Western woman with a Quaker pacifist bride. Today, our hired guns are in danger of firing blanks against the bad guys.

The "straight" press never has done an analysis. It would be interesting to know how many of the lawyers when in private practice and later appointed to these various benches had represented major corporations who were big campaign contributors. You won't see this in Tucson on Phoenix newspapers. No thanks to former U.S. Rep. Morris Udall.

I feel sorry for his family and the Parkinson's Disease that sidelined his incredible intellect. But you need to know. Udall, whatever his environmental accomplishments, was responsible for the Failing Newspapers Act. It allows two publishers to share the same presses, marketing and business facilities and present a claim of editorial independence. It's such a good deal it's attracted out-of-town carpetbaggers.

Now, why do you suppose Superior Court judges in all of Arizona's rural counties still remain elected by popular vote? Because they're country bumpkins? I think not. The "fix" went in 24 years ago. Wall Street doesn't try its cases in Safford, Flagstaff or Kingman. Do I sound like a populist? Under this misnamed merit selection, you only get to vote every so often on whether to retain or boot judges. There are no competitors on the ballot. Hey folks, Red Star-on-their-caps commissars would be proud of that! Beijing or Havana couldn't have done better!

I hope you like Arizona's sunsets because that's about all you'll get out of this backyard and beleaguered "Third World Nation." We have outdone the Sheriff of Nottingham! You heard it from

a drag girl and you won't hear it anywhere else. [I'm too outspoken to survive the interview portion of a drag queen pageant; that's why I'm a columnist.]

Our state judicial appointment system is real "Alice in Wonderland" stuff. I think you get the point. What do our drag show judges have to profit from the selection of any particular contestant?

Tidbits and trivia: here's an idea for drag show producers -- more interactive events. At times, audience members have been singled out to dance with performers on stage. But try this on for size.

Last night, the touring Broadway production "Tony and Tina's Wedding" opened at Gammage Auditorium, Arizona State University, Tempe. The hook: the audience is part of the wedding party when Tony and Tina tie the knot and can throw rice, kiss the bride, dance with the groom and party with "a vivacious variety of lovable lunatics, zany relatives and far-out friends." Since most of the Tucson venues are theater-in-the-round anyway, it makes sense to take this as a starting point for innovative shows. A bit like "Rocky Horror Picture Show."

Erratum: contrary to what I said last week, Mr. Kenneth Blake was responsible for that idea of a candle-lit cake for audience birthdays at Neon Moon. I'm a journalist. If I'm wrong, I admit it. News is a constant search for truth.

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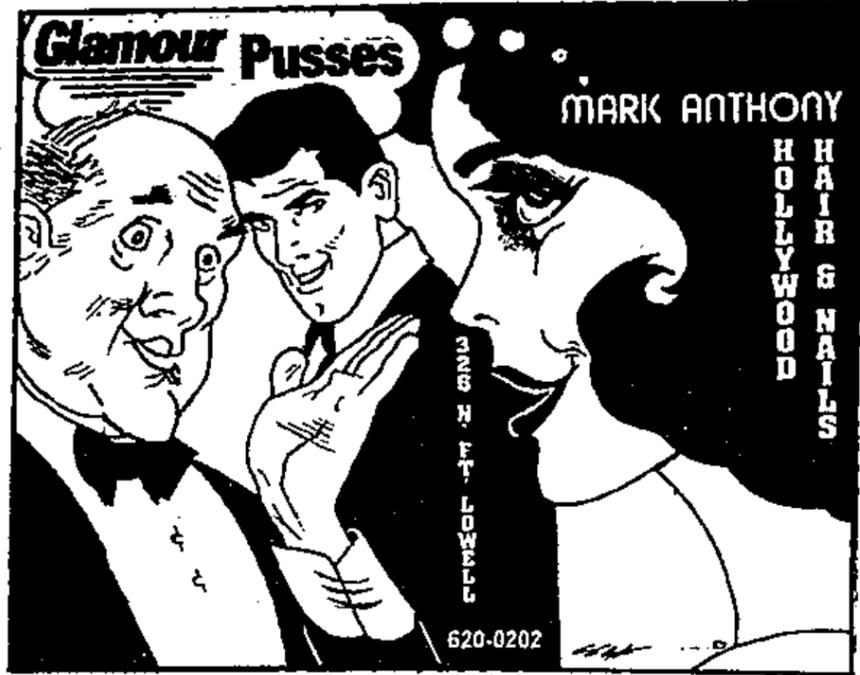
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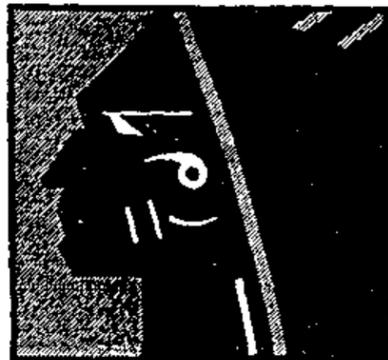
Perspective

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If you want more information, or if you want to be involved in the effort to change this law, please contact Wingspan Domestic Violence Project, (520) 712-9877 (pager) or e-mail us at lauralax@aol.com.

[Laura Alexander is the Co-Chair, Wingspan Domestic Violence Project]

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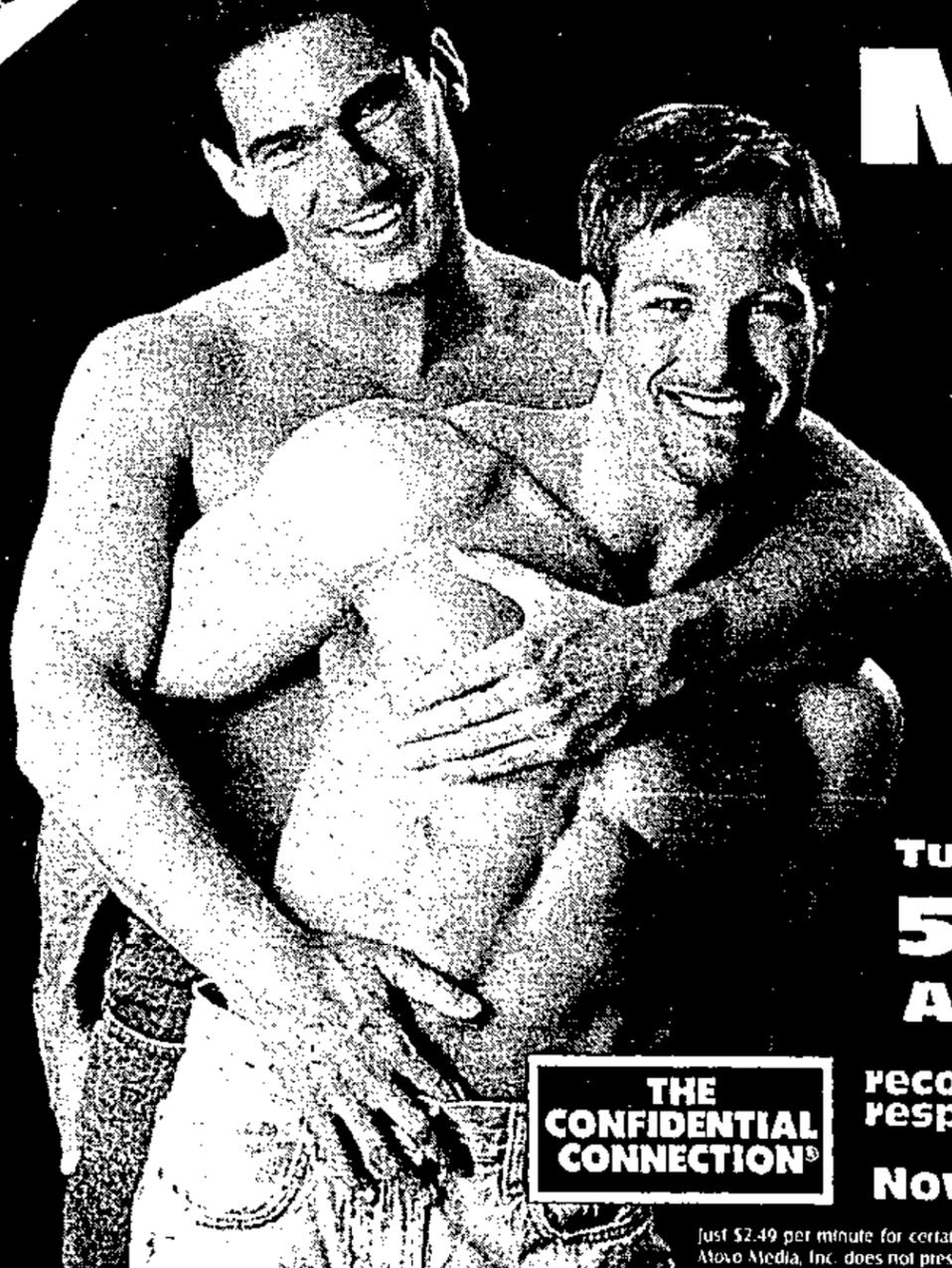
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February beats in our hearts this week. Let's toss ourselves into the loving fray with affirming zeal and loads of rainbow valentines. We have more than a few planets in humanistic Aqueerius this month which means that active involvement is key. Meet your match by getting out there and being "available." You can't phone it in friend, also some of us may try.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

February highlights platonic relationships but who is to say that saucy valentines can't be friends first? The secret to success is to put yourself on the "A" list for social invitations. Be generous and jolly, proud Ram. You attract more flies with honey than vinegar and even more with a key to your weekend house.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Gay Bulls may be working themselves down to a nubby stub career-wise in February. Keep your eye on the retirement prize. Be sure to mix business with pleasure this month so the long hours that you put in at the office don't seem so burdensome. The Aqueerian planetary energy rewards those who cleverly play by the political rules. Change the rules when you rule.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

All these planets in Aqueerius gives you room to breathe and experience life at its fullest. Proud Twins' travel later this month will be spiced with wild adventure and, dare I say, woolly romance. It could be a trip to the moon on gossamer wings with deceptive Neptune and surprising Uranus paying for your ticket. If so, chalk it up to just one of those delicious little things.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

All this Aqueerian energy highlights sexuality and deeply personal motivations. Pink Crabs are encouraged to make the most of this zesty energy while the valentines season is in full swing. The temptation is to jump in over your head. Don't dear, queer Crab; There is too much going on under the surface. I suggest testing the waters with a small toe first. If you don't lose it, then wade in.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

No self respecting Gay Lion should be sitting home alone this February. All the planets in Aqueerius give you clear sailing to seek the mate of your longing choice or cement current relationships into permanence. It's a romantic time of year bubble, so shower your intended with attention, affection and goodies. And a couple of plane tickets to SOBE couldn't hurt either.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Proud Virgins are not always the most romantic of signs. Now, with all these planets in Aqueerius this February, love may be discovered at work, or, even better, at the health club. (Easier to examine the merchandise before you buy.) Since cleanliness is next to godliness for these conservative souls, perhaps you'll meet up in the steamroom, sauna or whirlpool. Head there first.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

February is no time to be alone. The planets in Aqueerius conspire to push proud Libras out into party hearty central so gather your forces and become a force to be reckoned with. Creative inspiration is also in the cards now; dreamy Neptune

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can be artist's best friend but can also lead you down the path to dissipation and excess. Which path will you choose? Let's guess.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

February is the perfect month to invite a few friendly folks over and entertain at home. These planets in Aqueerius entice even the most anti-social Scorp to seek connections. And speaking of connections, you may feel the urge to say what needs to be said to all and sundry. Who knows what will happen when the cards are laid on the table? You may find quite a few pieces of trump.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Communication is highlighted in February when more than few planets traipse through Aqueerius. Proud Archers can

sound eloquent and wise, but frankly dear who are we kidding? I'd wager than when there is nothing more to be said on a subject, you'll say it...very loudly! Oh well, at least anyone within earshot will know how you truly feel.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Generosity may be warranted now but carefully check the bottom line before you loosen your purse strings and enjoy the valentine's rush. Pluto and Mars empower you to spread the good word and good thing too; we need a directioned, eloquent and calculated spokesperson for Gay community efforts. Play hardball, queer Cap; some of us like it that way.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

There is not stopping you this February when all these planets hover in your own

sign. Aqueerians are busy bees whose presence seems to be demanded at every major social event. See and be seen cousin; there is no time like the present to make a first impression. The question is: "What type of impression will one make wearing hot pink chaps, nipple clamps and a peek-a-boo T-shirt?"

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Mystical pink Fish get the vibes this February when too many planets trawl through Aqueerius. If your imagination is revved into overdrive, blame the likes of wild Uranus and woolly Neptune and settle into a nice, warm tub to soothe down. For closeted Fish, this is an opportune time to open up the floodgates and swim Out. If not now when, if not you, who?

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

IBT'S - Fetish Party! Dress in your favorite fetish for show and tell for \$1.50 well drinks.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

VENTURE-N - Desert Leathermen Beer Bust on the patio 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

IBT'S - Special 'Winter/Alms/Spring' Wet Shorts Contest at 9:00 p.m. \$150 winner takes all! Winner determined by audience applause. This Sunday's all-you-can-eat Bar-b-que and 18oz beer bust will benefit the Condom Brigade from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Pool Tournament of Champions VI. Guaranteed pot. Trophies, new pool cue to grand champion. Hosted by Zipperman. Warm up at noon. Tournament begins at 2:00 p.m.

VENTURE-N - Chinese New Year Buffet at the Venture from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Tickets \$4.00!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

VENTURE-N - V-N's annual Aquarius Party. The age of Aquarius returns!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - 'Laz-B-Wed' 3rd annual game. 7:00 p.m. No Cover. Drink specials during show. Lots of fun!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

IBT'S - Special Tucson Title-Holder Show to benefit "The Condom Brigade" featuring Felice Renard, Mr. Kenneth Blake, Truly Fabu, and Electra Bleu with Aja Simone and the live vocals of Jay Cotner.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

IBT'S - Fetish Thursdays continues by popular demand. Live the fantasy from 9:00 p.m. to closing. Drink specials.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

IBT'S - Valentine's Day Party. Be sure to get your valentine messages in the envelope behind the bar by Feb. 9th to get in the big Valentine's Day issue of the Observer. It's free!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Rare Breed will be playing their great sounds here from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. Cover.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - 'Adonis Red Party' Post Party 4:00 p.m. Food, Music, Go-Go boys! To benefit SAAF.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

STONEWALL/EAGLE - 1st Annual Benefit Show for Wingspan! Doors open at 9:30 p.m. Showtime 19:30.

VENTURE-N - Free/Anonymous HIV testing brought to you by the Pima County Health Department and the Gay Men's Health Project. Look for the PCHD Mobile Clinic Van in the parking lot. 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

VENTURE-N - Mardi Gras Party! Prizes for the best Mardi Gras Mask!

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Woody's Dream Show and Auction. Buffet at 6:00 p.m. Show at 7:00 p.m. Benefit MPS. Tickets \$10.00 per person. Available at the Stonewall/Eagle or call Natalie or Beth 747-7426.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A Study Group will discuss a section from the recent bestseller "Conversations with God." You're encouraged to read the book first. For reservations and directions, please call Justin or Gary at 792-4224.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Rainbow Families, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents network does the wild thing. Bring or family out to the Reid Park Zoo at 2:00 p.m. Meet inside the main gate. All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents, partners and family members are welcome. Call Craig at 318-9348 for more information.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:30 p.m. Join us at a special location this month as we move to make room for the Gem Show. You're invited to come and share your favorite dish with the men who come to our monthly gathering. Join us at 6801 N. Oracle (Casas Adobes Congregational Church). For more information and/or directions, please call Jerry at 890-9585.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 12:30 p.m. From the D.C. area? Three MSN members are hosting a D.C. Brunch for all the guys in Tucson who hail from our capitol. Share your stories about life there and get to know some other guys who have a common point of reference. For details, directions and reservations, please call Jerry at 298-7415.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4-8 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, an awareness group, meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A fun evening devoted to British comedy series. Three episodes from your favorite series: "Absolutely Fabulous," "Fawlty Towers," and "Keeping Up Appearances." This event is on the east side of town. For directions and reservations, please call Loran at 733-0072.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:00 p.m. Gay Men's Health Project Peer Working Group meets at Wingspan. Pizza and Soft Drinks will be provided.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Another chance to join us for a meal as we hold Dinner Out at Miami Louisa's near Davis-Monthan. Many Tucsonans consider this a well kept secret for some of the best Italian food. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Team Arizona will be holding a general information meeting for members and guests and other interested parties. For more information call Edna Spring at work 740-8537, or 293-9356. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. at Wingspan.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Hitchcock Retrospective continues with a showing of "Marnie." This movie stars Sean Connery and Tippi Hedren. For reservations and directions, please call Lex or Jerry at 690-9565.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Book Club will be discussing "Porcelain & A Language of Their Own" by Chay Yaw a book of two plays. Even if you don't read the book, we encourage all book lovers to attend. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 890-9565.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

AGRA-Tucson and Old Tucson Studios present 'Rodeo Romance' a night of dinner, dancing and romancing. 7:00 to Midnight. \$10 per person for the dance only. \$17 per person for dinner and dance. Dinner is served from 7:00 to 9:00 and dancing from 8:00 to midnight. Price includes an Italian Buffet and a night of music and dancing. Call AGRA 323-0805 for tickets and more information.

St. Francis in the Foothills is having a Valentine's Dance from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m., at the church, 4825 East River Road. \$5.00 donation. Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for a nominal fee. St. Francis would like to have an eclectic mix of people of all ages to attend this fun-filled event. The purpose of the dance is to bring together all people in reconciling regardless of sexual orientation, ethnicity, age, gender, etc.

Water of Life MCC Church will be hosting a Valentine's Dance and Celebration at the church, 3289 N. Mountain from 7:00 until 10:30 p.m. Dance to the sounds of Sunday's Child while you enjoy light refreshments and hors d'oeuvres in a Las-Bi-Gay/Transgender-affirming, smoke-free, alcohol-free environment.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join your MSN brothers as we participate in St. Francis' St. Valentine's Day Dance. Come with your partner, or come by yourself and find the right guy to dance with. For directions and more information, please call Davey at 888-1208.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 11:00 a.m. Join us for a hike to Atascosa Peak (near Nogales) as we do a five mile round trip hike. For details and directions, please call Perry at 321-4387.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4-6 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, an awareness group, meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

Tucson CALENDAR

Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Latin Music 9-1. Shot specials all night.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-6 pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. Drink Specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 1pm. 32 Bloody Marys & \$1.50 Screwdrivers till 8pm.

Country music & dancing with FREE country dance instruction 7pm.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon-3pm, \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Benefit 8-9 and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7:00pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Open 2pm. Party with Stan. Complimentary hot dogs.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. Pool Tournament 2pm with Zipperman.

Beer Bust 2-7pm \$1.75 Pitchers, 75¢ a glass. Karaoke Nite 9-close, hosted by Billy Dee. Stonewall opens at 9pm, hot sounds with Rayman.

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-8pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee. Tort Burgers 5-7, Tuff Stuff Tool 4-11pm.

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer.

Free pool 2-4. Bar/Restaurant and Appreciation Night. \$1.00 off on all drinks 8-12.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50 Draft \$1.75 Domestic. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Closed Mondays.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour noon-8pm, \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. 6pm to midnight, \$1.50/32oz pitchers. Retro 80s Dance 9pm-1am.

All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Open 4pm. Happy hour 4-7. Drink specials to pool and dart players.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Party with Rob in the evening. Free pool all day.

VENTURE-N - Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 pm 2for1 well and domestic long necks. 2-7 p.m. Pool Tournament 7:30 pot matched. \$1 longnecks all night for tournament players. Boys Night Out 9pm to closing. Hot dance music.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50. Domestic \$1.75. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm. Draft Beer Nite 8-close. 32 small \$4 large pitchers.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8 pm, \$1.75 domestic beer & \$1.50 well. 9 pm to close 2for1 well w/Bar Lite. High Energy Dance with David Z.

NEON MOON - Happy Hour 4-7pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee. \$1.00 off drinks to singers.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour till 8pm. Doc's Dart Tourney 8:00 in the Eagle. Miller & Miller Lite \$1.75 Cuervo Gold \$2 after 8pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Happy Hour prices 6am-8pm.

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. \$1.25 pitchers from 9 to midnight. Alternative music w/Stephanie 9pm-1.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50. Domestic \$1.75. 9 Ball Single Elimination Pool Tourney. 7pm, Pot matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm. Import Night \$2.25 8pm-1am

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour Noon to 8pm, \$1.75 domestic beer & \$1.50 well. Mystery Night. \$1.75 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. Dance with David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Happy Hour 4-7. 2 for 1 from 7-10. Liquorization 7 to 10 pm.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour till 8pm. Karaoke Nite: 9 to close. Stonewall opens at 8:00 p.m. with Rayman.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Cuervo Gold \$2 all day/night. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm.

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8:30 pm to close. (New time)

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all Well \$1.50. Domestic \$1.75. 301 Dart Tournament 7:30pm. Double Elimination. Pot Matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm. 75¢ Schnapps 8pm to close.

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon-2 pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Underwear Nite. \$1.50 Well and \$1.75 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear (pant check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Open 4pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm. Drink specials to pool and dart players.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour till 8pm. Latin Dance Party w/Eduardo at the Stonewall. Opens at 9pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm \$3 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 8pm to close. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres. Hi energy dance music 8:30 to close. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.50/ domestic \$1.75. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm. Country Western Music and Dancing 9pm to 1am.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 4-7. Country/Western Dance Party with Billy Dee.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour till 8pm. Hors d'oeuvres 5pm. Wear a Stonewall/Eagle T-shirt and receive 1/2 price all night.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ Bar 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool opens at 8:30 pm.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Hi energy dance music from 8:30pm to 1am. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.50/domestic \$1.75. 8 Ball Pool Tournament 2pm, Double Elimination, pot matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 1pm. Small Pitchers \$2 & FREE pool 2-5. Country Western Music all night.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 4-7. Saturday Night Party & dance!

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. Happy Hour till 8pm. Free Pool all day. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Hot sounds with Rayman.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Bitches & Bagels w/31 Bloody Marys 6am-noon. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool opens at 8:30pm.

3. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00ish. Join the group for a Dinner Out in Nogales, Sonora. Party, who is hosting the hike in this area, will also host a dinner at one of the local restaurants. For details, please call Perry at 321-4387.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who may want to refresh their bridge skills; table talk playing. For reservations and directions, please call Jim at 790-8735.

CLASSIFIED ADS ARE .25 PER WORD \$5.00 MINIMUM



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LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. EMail 581-8850 or Room 968-2384.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 893, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

CRONES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Merle at 888-7264.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Gerónimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to all. Call Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 749-5247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 899-7298.

MALE MEN: Long-haired GAY male penpal network. Photo, 3 IRC's to join. Box 231, Station B, Ottawa, CANADA, K1P8C4

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Phillips in the Hills Episcopal Church meets first and third Mondays. Call David, 323-7943 for more information.

"AT EASE AGAIN", a men's discussion group meets at Wingspan at 7 p.m. every Tuesday, 300 E. 6th St.

LESBIAN/GAY WRITERS: Workshop at 7:00 p.m. third Wednesday of every month. Read and critique current projects. Network and support. For info call 325-4737.

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9662.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact Mary 770-9979 or Bertie 318-3415.

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-9063.

ARE YOU GAY OR BISEXUAL AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE? The Gay Young Men's Project is now looking for volunteers for the project. We need people who want to help create a positive social change for young Gay men as well as reduce the risk for HIV infection. For more information please call 322-6226.

INNER WISDOM - Try hypnotherapy for pain relief, past life exploration and addiction release. Also available: Spiritual Counseling and Dream Interpretation. 579-9020

COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS. P.O. Box 818, Bisbee, AZ 85603 / (602)432-5591. Rap Group, Youth Group, Social and Political Events.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR MEN IN SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS who have ever been physically, verbally or sexually abused, is now forming. Call Randy Oberhoff, Ph.D. at 570-0027 for more

BEARS OF THE OLD PUERTO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)327-1620 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our hotline.

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, A social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving collectible vehicles. Call 298-9454.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 211 (The Broadmoor Building). Office Hours 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 322-6226. AIDS Hotline: 328-AIDS. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for fun runs Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Group meets in front of the Himmel Park Library (East side), and Sundays at various times and places. For more information call Mitch at 326-3555

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8560 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and Referral about Al-Anon 881-1794 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

YOUNG AND GAY?

Lesbian and Gay youths 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 300 E. 6th Street from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men over 30 years old to join and share Prime Times fellowship. We welcome mature men who are or wish to be involved in Gay community activities, issues and organizations. Call 887-7493 and leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday, 4-6 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call Information and Referral 881-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

AIDS HOTLINE - 328-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychological facilitator. Call 743-6977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 8:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 32. Call the church at 299-9063 for information.

LICHEN BLOSSOM CLUB for women of all ages and backgrounds of life. Hike with other women. Listings in Rubyfruit Journal available at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave.

CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX. For information and membership write: CBPA at P.O. Box 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779.

L.D.S., EX-L.D.S., GAY LESBIAN, BISEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7pm. 320-1319 for information.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Sunday 3 to 5 pm at St. Francis in The Foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 886-1208 for more info.

ARIZONA GAY ROdeo ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0805 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717.

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5655. Leave message.

GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads. Admirers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 9543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all - Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84-C, Cortaro, AZ 85632.

"EVOIVERE" a transgendered Support Group open to all T.V.'s, C.D.'s, T.G.'s & T.S.'s. Dedicated to all our brothers and sisters. Offering our help and support in every way we can. Meetings held on 4th Saturday of each month at 2 p.m. Call 884-0541.

SCUBA DIVING CLUB. For information call digital pager 291-9602.

BISEXUAL INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779.

GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. 8B or better players only. Grass court Northwest corner Himmel Park 10:00 a.m. Check it out!

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of nurturing touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 681-4582 for more information or sign up.

THE JOHN HANTEN MEMORIAL GROUP, a Catholic support group for Gays and Lesbians, meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1946 E. Lee St. at 7:30 p.m. For more information call the parish office at 327-6015 or Jane Perri at 326-8577.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Hollman 577-8333 for more info.

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street at 7pm. For more information call 622-3200.

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND: Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 694-7063.

TIHAN, a coalition of churches and synagogues committed to providing a compassionate response to the HIV crisis, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer Care Teams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-6647.

THIRTYsomething Society - an exclusive society for single Gay and Bi men or near their thirties. A social society that offers monthly activities including a monthly outing away from Tucson. Call 797-3118 for more information and a membership bio.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-6676 or 327-4293.

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson, Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7676.

CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 3rd Monday at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1800 N. Camino Pio Decimo in the Kino Room at 7:00 p.m. For more info call Ernie 721-2003 or Anna Marie at the Parish office 885-3573.

COCAINE ANONYMOUS

"The Fruits Of Sobriety" particularly for Gays and Lesbians (but everyone is welcome) meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Hotline: (520)326-2211

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 4th Monday at St. Odilia's Catholic Church, 7570 N. Paseo Del Norte in the Parish Hall Conference Room (Bldg. North of the Church) at 7:30 p.m. For more info call Mary 297-9602 or Sr. Joan 742-8900.

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Brenda at 684-9920, Ext.448 or Emmott 322-6057 (ewalter@ix.netcom.com)

AZdykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail tyand@river.com and request guidelines.

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast each 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio RXCI. This show alternates with "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show.

THEATER / DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 883-3785 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows of movies. Now in their 15th year! (1st in Tucson).

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ATTENTION - ATTENTION - ATTENTION Si eres hombre que tiene sexo con otros hombres y quieres ayudarnos a extender y apoyar los programas para Los Latinos, llama para una entrevista estrictamente confidencial al 322-6226 y pregunta por Ernesto. 709

If you are a Latino man who is having sex with other men and you want to help us to support and expand our programs for Latinos, call for a confidential interview at 322-6226 and ask for Ernie. 709

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